attachment and sale of movable and immovable properties, arrest of defaulters, etc. High priority is accorded to the area of recovery of taxes. Periodical reviews and monitoring of high demand cases are made by higher authorities on a continuous basis and necessary instructions are issued from time to time for effecting recovery of demand.

(e) The number of Wealth-tax assessees as on 31 -3 -2001 is 2.02 lakhs. The Wealth-tax collection for F. Y. 2000-2001 isRs. 131.73 crores.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Regular flights for Kanpur

2275. DR. SWAMISAKSHIJIMAHARAJ : Will the Minister of CIVIL \VIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kanpur which is the commercial capital of Uttar Pradesh has been deprived of regular IA/AI flights;

(b) if so. the reasons therefor, and

(c) the steps being taken to provide Kanpur with regular air flights ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSA1N): (a) and (b) Indian Airlines was operating flights connecting Kanpur till 1992 by B-737 aircraft (126 sealer). Carriage of passengers per flight ranged between 5 to 35 on Dclhi-Kanpur and 5-16 on Kanpur-Delhi sector. Therefore these flights were discontinued due to inadequate passenger demand.

(c) Airlines operators are free to operate on any sector subject to compliance with the Route Dispersal Guidelines and commercial viability.

Electronic tickets for domestic travellers

2276. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether lack of consensus among the domestic airlines is holding back introduction of electronic tickets for domestic travellers;

(b) if so, whether the International Air Transport Association has yet to get a mandate from the domestic airlines to push for changes in regulations with

the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security;

(c) the main benefits of the electronic tickets;

(d) by when consensus among airlines one-ticketing will be in operation; and

(e) to what extent this will be helpful to the passengers ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) This issue is still at examination stage. As such the question of lack of consensus among the domestic airlines does not arise.

(b) International Air Transport Association is not concerned with commissioning of electronic ticketing in India. This issue has to be examined by Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) and Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and airlines operating to and from India.

(c) to (e) Since the matter is still at examination stage, it is not possible to state the advantages and disadvantages at present. In view of this the time frame for obtaining consensus among the airlines cannot be determined.

Development of VLshakhapatnam Airport

2277. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have agreed to develop Vishakhapatnam airport as International Airport;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that M/s. RITES has already submitted a feasibility report to Government in this regard;

(c) if so, whether Government have issued directions to the Naval Authorities to give permission for such an expansion;

(d) if so, when; and

(e) if not, by when it is expected to be issued ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) It has been proposed to construct a new runway of dimension 10,000 ft. * 150 ft. at Vishakhapatnam airport to make it suitable for